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In re Patent Application of **BOX AF** Anthony E. Bolton, et al. Group Art Unit: 1614 Application No.: 09/866,569 Examiner: C. Yaen Filed: May 25, 2001 Confirmation No.: 4479 For: APOPTOTIC ENTITIES FOR USE IN ) TREATMENT OF ENDOTHELIUM **DYSFUNCTION DISORDERS** 

## REPLY AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116(b)

Box AF **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Reply and Amendment is in response to the final Office Action mailed on November 20, 2002 in the above-identified application and is being filed on or before its due date of March 20, 2003, together with a one-month extension of time. In response to this final Office Action, entry of the following amendments is earnestly solicited:

## In the Claims:

Amend Claim 16 as follows:

--16. (Amended) A method for treatment and/or prophylaxis in mammalian patients with congestive heart failure, which method comprises administration to the patient of an effective amount of apoptotic bodies.